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1. Jockeying for political position among the various presidential aspirants continues within the Prio administration. According to source, it is the policy of President Carlos Prio Socarras to keep the opposition divided by permitting no one Republican or Cuban Revolutionary Party official to gain a position of outstanding importance. Source asserted that Prio will follow the policy of dividing the elements and ruling them alone.
2. Antonio Prio, Minister of the Treasury, has hampered the work of ambitious ministers and other government officials wherever possible. While Antonio Prio wishes to be the Mayor of Habana as it is regarded as the second most influential position in Cuba and also one of the most lucrative, he too is toying with the idea of running for president.
3. As Minister of the Treasury, Antonio Prio has been paying current and past bills of some of the ministries. However, none of the bills contracted during the period when Senator Jose Manuel Aleman was Minister of Education are being paid. Some, but not all, of the bills incurred by the current Minister of Education, Aureliano Sanchez Arango, are being paid. The purpose of discriminating against the Minister of Education is to obscure the reputation that Sanchez Arango has managed to build up since he became Minister of Education. Sanchez Arango is a potential presidential candidate.
4. In the Treasury Department, two groups, the Union Insurreccional Revolucionaria (UIR) and persons who are associated with the Chief of the Secret Police, Eufemio Fernandez, are beginning to obtain a great number of influential executive and administrative positions. All these appointments have been made with the approval of Antonio Prio. However, these appointments have created chaos in the Treasury Department and Antonio Prio therefore has considered resigning as Minister of Treasury in order to assume the post of Minister of Defense. Any scandals arising in the Ministry of the Treasury through his mismanagement might then be attributed to his successor.
5. Alberto Cruz, the ex-Minister of Communications, has continued his contacts with both ex-President Grau and President Prio. Cruz, who hopes for a Prio-Graureapprochement, wishes to become a Minister in the Prio Cabinet. On 29 March Cruz was reported to be leaning more definitely toward Prio. He

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revealed on that date that he had just received a certain number of jobs that he personally could distribute as patronage in the Ministry of the Treasury. He also received a large number of lottery tickets to distribute which would bring him a regular income.

6. The loss of prestige and political strength which Ruben de Leon, Minister of the Interior, appears to be suffering in Oriente Province has been welcomed by Representative Rolando Masferrer, a member of the Republican Party who was elected from Oriente Province. Masferrer is a political protege of Vice President Alonso Pujol who is national president of the Republican Party. Although Pujol may have had a hand in the recent lessing of de Leon's strength, source reported that President Prio also became involved when he saw an opportunity to use his influence to weaken de Leon.

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